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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 17th/July, through Sunday, 24th/July there were 199 countries active. Countries available: 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3D2/r, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FW, FY, G, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

5D, MORROCCO. Mhamed, CN8NK, reports that a special callsign, **5D6MC**, will be used from Morrocco on all bands and modes **July 30-31st** (probably for the **IOTA Contest**). The QSL Manager is EA7FTR.

7O, YEMEN. Early last week, Vladimir, UA4WHX, informed OPDX that he is currently in Sana'a, Yemen. He stated that he has "met a number of people responsible for issuing licenses and the Spectrum Management of the Yemen Telecom, as well as two deputy ministers of the Ministry of Telcommunications and Information Technology. Vladimir also states the following:

1. Not a single amateur radio license has ever been issued in Yemen in the past 20 years. He

mentions, "For those interested in the authenticy of the fact I can probably provide a written statement of the ministry confirming the fact."

2. Amateur radio has never been legalized in Yemen. "PERIOD" No legal base, no exceptions so far, but the ministry is sincerely interested in promoting the hobby. They know about it and do plan to pass laws for it as soon as possible.
3. When King Hussein of Jordan was in Yemen, he requested a license which he did not get....
4. The ministry has tried to authorize amateur radio activity in Yemen a few times, but the attempts have always got stuck at the Ministry of Interior offices being higher or lower.

How can you help get Yemen on the air? Vladimir suggests to write letters to both ministries and explain the following:

A. Why amateur radio is good (Explain the benefits).
B. Why there is no danger to their country's security.
C. He recommands sending some printed materials about amateur radio.

The above information is just a small portion of what Vladimir wanted to relay to the ham community. He wrote another (longer) E-mail to OPDX over the past weekend which has more details and suggestions to get Yemen on the air. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive this E-mail (complete and unedited; with addresses and phone numbers) as an additional bulletin.

C6, BAHAMAS. Pete/W2GJ and Steve/AA4V are planning two trips to **Crooked Island** (IOTA **NA-113**). Look for them this weekend in the **IOTA Contest** and in the **CQ WW SSB Contest** in late **October**. Their callsigns will be **C6ARV** (AA4V) and **C6APR** (W2GJ). The operations in the contests will be Multi/ Single effort. Look for each operator before and after the contests on the WARC bands. QSL via their home callsigns (QRZ.com).

CO8, CUBA. Juan, **CO8TW**, will be in the next **IOTA Contest** on CW or mixed mode. QSL via IZ8CCW. The log will be on the following Web site after the contest at : http://www.qsl.net/co8tw/.

CY0, SABLE ISLAND. Remember to look for operators Joe/W8GEX, Wayne/K8LEE and Phil/W9IXX to be active as **CY0AA** from Sable Island (IOTA **NA-063**, CISA NS-004) between **July 27th and August 6th**. They are expected to be in the **IOTA Contest** (**July 30-31st**). Activity will be on 160-6 meters CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. QSL via K8LEE. The team is still looking for donations to help offset the cost.

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Wojtek, SP5MXZ, will be active as **EA8/SP5MXZ** during the **RGSB IOTA Contest** (**July 30-31st**). His operation class was not mentioned. He will be on holiday from from Playa de Las Americas, **Tenerife Island** (**AF-004**), now **through August 2nd**. His activity outside of the contest will be on 20 meters mainly CW, and possibly 17/15 meters CW/SSB. The station consists of IC-706MK2G and Inverted Vee dipole on a DK9SQ portable mast. Suggested times and frequencies: 0630-0730z (EU), 1600-1800z (EU), 2200-2330z (NA); 14040 kHz CW and 14170 kHz SSB (+/- QRM). QSL via his home callsign, either direct (QrRZ,com) or by the bureau. More information and an online log is available at: http://sp5xsd.za.pl/sp5mxz/ea8/.

FP, ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON (Update). Paul, **FP/K9OT**, and Peg, **FP/KB9LIE** (YL),

should be on the air from **Miquelon** (**NA-032**) shortly after 0000Z on **July 30th**. This is their fifth annual trip to Miquelon and Peg's 10th anniversary as a ham. Preferred band-modes are 30-40-80 CW for Paul and 17-20-40 SSB for Peg, other bands depending on propagation and conditions, 100 watts to single-band wire verticals on the Atlantic Ocean. They plan to be active in the **RSGB IOTA Contest** as Single-Ops, and Paul will be in the **North American CW QSO Party**. Visit their Web site at: http://www.mhtc.net/~k9ot/. QSL via their home callsigns (same address), direct or by the bureau. Cards received with insufficient return postage will be answered via the bureau. No eQSLs.

GERMANY NEWS (New Prefixes on the air!). Stefan, DL1ELY, explains why you have been hearing all these new prefixes: "Germany has started to assign **DQ** and **DR**-prefixes. Beside that, club stations can now apply for 2x1-callsigns like DK2A. All numbers 0-9 mean "club station", there are no 2x1 callsigns for individuals. One more important change: While all DP-prefixes were extraterritorial area before (like DP0GVN, DP0POL in the Antarctica, DP0EPO Munich European Patent Office), now _only_ DP0-DP2 are extraterritorial. 2x1-Callsigns DP3A-DP9Z are "regular short callsigns" for Club stations. Please note there are still no 'DI' hamradio callsigns in DL."

IOTA CONTEST. Don, G3XTT, IOTA Contest Manager, wants to remind everyone that the IOTA Contest takes place over the weekend of **July 30-31st** (1200-1200z). All are invited to participate. Everyone works everyone, but island contacts are worth significantly more points, and islands are also multipliers. The contest is always popular, with many expeditions to semi-rare and rare islands, allowing participants to increase their score towards the wide range of IOTA awards. To facilitate this, they are working towards allowing contacts made in the contest (provided both logs have been received by the adjudicators) to count towards IOTA awards without the need for QSL cards. The rules are essentially unchanged from last year except that the SWL section has been dropped as a result of significantly lower participation in recent years. The rules do, however, spell out more clearly than before the format for Cabrillo logs which, while not mandatory, are preferred. Nevertheless, they are retaining the two-stage submission process introduced last year, whereby you receive a confirmation E-mail for your log asking you to go to a Web page to validate your category, etc. This is simply because, if you use a logging program which doesn't overtly support the IOTA contest, your header information may not be sufficient to give them all the data they need. The process should not take more than a minute or so. The full rules can be found at: http://www.contesting.co.uk/hfcc/iota.shtml or via www.rsgbhfcc.org. They look forward to your participation in the contest and receiving your log in due course. Photos and write-ups are also appreciated for the Web site - to either of the E-mail addresses below, please. Any questions can be addressed to iotacontest@rsgbhfcc.org or directly to Don, G3XTT, at: don@g3xtt.com.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-066**. Operators RA0LSO, RU0LAX, RW0MM, UA0LHT, UA0LSK and YLs SWL will be active as **RK0LWW/p** from **Russkiy Island** (Sea of Japan Coast Group) during the **RGSB IOTA Contest** (**July 30-31th**) as Multi-Op/High-Power/DXpedition. QSL via info on QRZ.com.
- **AS-117**. Kenji, JA4GXS, will be active in the IOTA Contest, **July 30th**, as **JA4GXS/4** from **Yashiro Island**, Honsyu Coastal Island, Yamaguchi Pref (JIIA AS-117-118).QSL via his home callsign, by the bureau or direct to: Kenji Sasaki, 2-15 Ishikannon-cyo, Yamaguchi-City, 753-0038 JAPAN.

- **AS-118**. A group of operators, with the support of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society (KARS), are planning to operate as **9K2F** from **Faylakah Island** from **July 27th to August 3rd**. They will also participate in the **RSGB IOTA Contest** (**July 30-31st**). QSL via 9K2RA, by the Bureau (preferred) or direct to: KARS, P.O. Box 5240, 13053, Safat, Kuwait.
- **EU-003**. Joao (John), **CU3AA**, will be active from **Sao Miguel Island** (WLOTA 2016), **July 26-29th**. He will also activate four lighthouses (ARLHS references: AZO-004, AZO-008, AZO-012 and AZO-017). Each one will be activated for one day between 1000-1700z.
- **EU-011**. Operators Nobby/G0VJG, Chris/G0FDZ, Dave/G4BUO, Richard/G7GLW, Ralph/2E0ATY and Simon/M3CVN will be active as **homecall/p** and **G3RCV/p**, from the **Isles of Scilly** now **through July 31st**. Their activity will be on all bands. QSL via their home callsigns. They will also participate in the **RSGB IOTA Contest** (**July 30-31st**) as **M8C**. QSL via G4DFI.
- **EU-042**. Hans-Peter, DC1HPS, will be active as **DC1HPS/p** from **Pellworm Island** (GIA N-23 for the German Islands Award) **now through August 7th**. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters, and include and entry in the **IOTA Contest** (**July 30-31st**). QSL via his home callsign by the bureau.
- **EU-045**. Amedeo, IZ0FXW, will be active as **IB0MDC** from **Ponza Island** (IIA LT-001 and MIA MI-076), **August 14-25th**. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau. Further information can be found at: http://www.mdxc.org/ib0mdc/.
- **EU-052**. Feco, HA8KW, will be active as **SV8/HA8KW/P** from **Zakynthos Island**, now **through August 1st**. Activity will be mainly CW, with some SSB. He will also participate in the **IOTA Contest** using the special callsign **J48KW** as a 12-hour/Low-Power/CW entry. QSL via his home callsign, either by the bureau or direct to: Provics Ferenc, P.O. Box 620, Szeged-1, H-6701, Hungary.
- **EU-101**. Operators OH6HJE, OH6UV and OH6NJ were expected to be active as **OH6AW** from **Bergö Island** over the past weekend. QSL via OH6AD.
- **EU-128**. Gerold, DH6GD, will be active as **DH6GD/p** from **Fehmarn Island** (GIA O-01), **now through August 10th**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters CW, SSB and PSK-31. He also plans to participate in the **IOTA Contest**. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.
- **EU-130**. Members of ARI Gorizia will be active as **IU3G** from **Sant' Andrea** (IIA UD-003 and MIA MI-101) during the **IOTA Contest** (**July 30-31st**). QSL via IV3WMS, direct or by the bureau.
- **EU-131**. Operators Daniele/IK2SND, Oreste/IK3VIA, Beppe/IN3IKF and Mauro/IN3QBR will be active as **IL3U** from **Venice Lagoon Island** Group (Nuovo Lazzaretto Island), **July 30-31st**. Activity will be during the **IOTA Contest** as Multi-Op entry. QL via direct to IK2SND.
- **EU-132**. Operators Zick/SP3BJK and Przemek/SQ3RX will be active as **homecall/1** from **Wolin Island** (SPIA SZ-002 for the Polish Islands Award), **now through August 2nd**. Activity will be on all HF bands, CW and SSB, and the **IOTA Contest**. QSL via SQ3RX, direct or by the bureau.
- **EU-170**. Operators Sanyi/HA7JJS, Zsolt/HA6PS and Laci/HA6NL will be active from **Pasman Island** (CI-085) as 9**A/HA7JJS, 9A/HA6PS** and **9A6NL**, respectively, from **July 26th to August 1st**. Their activity will be on all HF bands and the **IOTA Contest**. QSL via their home callsign by the HA QSL Bureau or direct (QRZ.com).
- **EU-176**. Operators Staffan/SM3JGG, Tord/SM3EVR, Classe/SM3GSK, Anders/

SM3XGV, Hans/SM3TLG and Jorgen/SM3CXS will participate in the **IOTA Contest** as **SA3W** from **Grimskar Island**. QSL via SM3EVR. QSL cards for activity outside of contest should be routed via the operator's home callsign. The team will be on Grimskar between July 28th to 1500z July 31st. ADDED NOTE: The SG3ZZR (EU-176) cards will be mailed during the first week of August.

- **NA-014**. Operators Reg/VE2AYU, Alain/VE2DAV, Fred/VE1FA (ex-VE2SEI) and Helen VA1YL (ex-VE2YAK), along with Bill/VE1MR, Lynn/VE1ENT, Gary/VE1RGB, Rich/VE1CHP, and Howard/VE1DHD will activate **Whitehead Island** from **July 28th to August 2nd**, during the annual **Islands On The Air (IOTA) Contest**. Whitehead Island (Canadian Islands NB-010, Grid FN-64) is close to Grand Manan Island, NB. Activity will be on CW and SSB on 80-10 meters. The special event callsign, **VC9W**, will be used to commemorate the **200th anniversary of the first settlers on Whitehead Island**. QSLs will be via VE1RGB@RAC.ca
- **NA-082**. Tom, K4ZGB, plans to be active from **Petit Bois Island** (USI MS-004, Jackson County, **Mississippi**), as **K5Z** between now and August 2nd. His activity will include the **IOTA contest**. Activity outside of the contest will be on 40-10 meters. QSL via K4ZGB (QRZ.com).
- **OC-NEW**. Kardi, YB1TC, the QSL Manager for last year's Peucang Island DXpedition (OC-237), announced that there are plans to go to **Karimata Island** (a new IOTA) for early **September 2005**. The group going is looking for support.
- **SA-069**. (UPDATE) Members of the "Atacama Desert DX Group" will be on the air as **3G1M** from **Santa Maria Island**, **August 12-15th**. Operators mentioned are: Nicolas/XQ1IDM, SERGIO/CE1RQB, Mauricio/CE2WUI, Mauricio/CA2UDO, Luis/CE2UWJ, Danilo/XQ4ZW and Marco/CE6TBN. Activity will be on 40-10 meters including the WARC bands and 6 meters. Modes will be CW, SSB, RTTY and BPSK. QSL via XQ1IDM, by the bureau or direct. Visit their Web page at: http://www.mdxc.org/3g1m/.

JW, SVALBARD. Operators Tony/EI2GX, Anthony/EI3HA, Dermot/EI5IQ, Declan/ EI6FR, Emmet/EI7HF and liam/EI7DSB will be active from here **July 27th through August 3rd**. QSL to the home callsigns of the station worked. The callsign **JW/EI7HF** will also be used in the **IOTA contest**.

KL7, ALASKA. Hillar/N6HR and Elsie/N7YX will participate in the **IOTA Contest** (**July 30-31st**) from **St. Paul Island**, Pribilof Islands, Alaska (**NA-028**). The callsign will be **KL7/N7YX**, and activity will be on both SSB and CW on whatever band is open! QSL via the home callsign.

LIGHTHOUSE/LIGHTSHIP ACTIVITIES.....

- Jeff, VA3QSL, will activate the **Queens Wharf Range Lighthouse** (ARLHS reference CAN-542) on **August 6th** (only) as VA3QSL/L, in Toronto for the National Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters. QSL to his home callsign, by the bureau or direct (w/SASE) to: Jeff Richardson, 36 Crawley Drive, Bramalea, ON L6T 2S1, Canada.
- The Old Barney Amateur Radio Club will be operating as **N2OB** from "Old Barney", the **Barnegat Lighthouse** (Lighthouse #USA-039) on Long Beach Island, NJ, (IOTA NA-111, USI NJ001S) on **August 6th** from about 1300z until 2100z (rain date **August 7th**). Most of the operation is planned for 20 and 40 meters SSB and local 2 meters. QSL via

N2OB.

- The Old Barney Amateur Radio Club will be operating as **W2T** from the **Tucker's Island Lighthouse** (USA-911) in the Tuckerton Seaport in Tuckerton, NJ, during the **International Lighthouse Activity weekend August 20-21st**, from about 1300-2100z each day. Activity is planned for 40 and 20 meters SSB and local 2 meters. QSL via N2OO.

MD4, ISLE OF MAN. Operators David/G3NKC, Martin/G4XUM, Roger/G4BVY, Royce/M0RHI and Tim/M0BEW (aka "The Manx Kippers") will be active as **MD4K** during the **IOTA Contest** as a Multi-Op entry. There may be limited operations before the contest. The team states, "We welcome any requests for band QSYs (SSB or CW) during the contest; from IOTA mults; and will try to arrange skeds if requested by non-mults." QSL as usual via G3NKC, direct, bureau or via the Web page at: http://www.md4k.com.

MW0, WALES. Jim, M0ZAK, will be heading off into the depths of Wales, Lleyn Peninsula to be exact, from **August 2-5th** for a midweek break prior to a weekend's vintage motorcycle race on the Island of Anglesey. Modes will be digital, mainly PSK31 with some RTTY, on 40-10 meters as band conditions allow. He will be signing **MW0ZAK/p** from a caravan site in Grid Square IO72pt. QSL via M0ZAK.

OH0, ALAND ISLAND. Juha, OH9MM, will be active as **OH0Z** in the **RSGB IOTA Contest** (**July 30-31st**), from Aland Islands (**EU-002**). QSL via OH5DX.

QSL INFO AND NEW.....

- QSL **7L3ATQ** via the home callsign, direct or by the bureau. The activity was from Okushiri Island (IOTA AS-147 and JIIA AS-147-005).
- Abdallah, **9K2GS**, states that W6YJ is no longer his QSL Manager, and effective 7-15-2005, both callsigns 9K2GS and 9K2K go to EA5KB. Please do not QSL DIRECT to Abdallah.
- QSL **JA6JCL/6** via the home callsign, direct or by the bureau. The activity was from Shimaura Island (IOTA AS-012, JA6 Kyushu Coastal Island and JIIA AS-012-045).
- Effective immediately, Mike, **KH0AS**, has resumed handling his own QSL chores. Send direct to: Mike Adams, 9528 Shoreland Dr SE, Bellevue, WA 98004.

R1MV, MALYJ VYSOTSKIJ ISLAND. Victor Loginov, UA2FM, informs OPDX that a Russian-Finnish team will sign **R1MVC** and **R1MVW** from Malyj Vysotskij Island (**EU-117**) from **July 28th to August 1st**. Activity will be on all bands including the WARC bands. The group will participate in the **IOTA Contest**. Operators mentioned are: OH5NE, OH5WR, OH5WS, OH0RJ, RV1AC, RU1AS, RA2FW, RN2FA, RV2FW and UA2FM. Send direct QSLs to DK4VW, and the bureau QSLs to: UA2 QSL Bureau, ROSTO Technical School, ul.Ozernaya 31, Kaliningrad, 236029 Russia. Please note, DK4VW is a maildrop only. All cards are forwarded to Russia and will be answered from Russia.

SPECIAL EVENT. The SKY Contest Club from SUSAM (State Union of Serbia And Montenegro) will celebrate their **10th anniversary** on the air using three special callsigns **until December 31st**. Look for the following stations to be active on the follow modes: **YT310SKY** (CW), **YZ610SKY** (SSB) and **4O310SKY** (RTTY). These stations are expected to be active on all HF bands and major contests. They were heard on 30m CW, 20m SSB and 20m RTTY this

past weekend. QSL via YT6A.

TK, CORSICA. Stefano, IK5XCT, will be active as **TK/IK5XCT** now **through August 6th**. Activity will be on all HF bands. QSL via his home callsign. For a bureau QSL card, visit the following Web page and file out the QSL request form at: http://www.qsl.net/ik5xct/.

TT8, CHAD (News from PA7FM). QSL Manager Dennis, PA7FM, informs OPDX: "**TT8AMO** went QRT on the 19th on June after 3 months operation. **TT8M** will go QRT on the 1st of August after almost 5 months activity. TT8AMO made 10607 QSOs on 160 to 10m, and so far TT8M made close to 7000 QSOs on 80 to 6m. During the last week of his operation there's not much activity expected anymore due to a very busy week. On the 31st the antennas will have to be taken down, so the real last possible day of any operation is likely to be the 30th of July. During office hours the 6m beacon is still running on 50.097 MHz. DXcluster anouncement or the ON4KST chat are the possible ways to get him on the radio when you hear the beacon. QSLs for both operation are available. The backlog for QSLs has been cleared 2 weeks ago, and direct request are being answered within a week after reception. Direct request with 1 GS/1 IRC for EU or 2 GS/1 IRC outside EU will be answered direct. Others with insufficient return postage or no return envelope will be answered by the bureau. A new job for Michael, PA5M, is already waiting (QTH unknown yet) while Pierre, HB9AMO, already starting a new assignment in Niger (5U). Most likely he will not apply for a license there as there won't be much operation time left beside the busy work. As soon as Michael knows more about the new assignment, it will be announced on: http://www.pa7fm.nl. There (on the Web page) to be found also online logs for both operations, some photos and audio files for the TT8M 6m operation."

VY2, CANADA. Scott, W4PA, will be active as **VY2PA** in the **CQ WW DX SSB Contest** (**October 29-30th**) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via W4PA. Activity will be from VY2ZM's superstation on Prince Edward's Island.

WAP MEETING. Gianni, I1HYW, announced that the WAP (Worldwide Antarctic Program) will hold its **2nd annual meeting** along with the 4th DCI Meeting (Italian Castle Award) in the City of Mondovi' (CN), North Italy, next September 17-18th. Forum activities will include QSL Managers, WAP Special Editions, WAP Awards and more... More info about the program, as well as articles and information about Antarctica, are available at: http://www.dcia.it/ and http://www.ddxc.net/wap/.

ZK1, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Gordon, ZL2ARN, will be active as **ZK1ARN** from **Aitutaki** (**OC-083**), South Cook Islands, between **July 27th and August 3rd**. Activity will be on all bands and modes, but casual style. QSL via his home callsign.

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